

**OW Staff Meeting Talking Points  
8-2-2013**

**Wetlands Division**

**Connectivity Synthesis**

**Nonresponsive discussion unrelated to Bristol Bay/Pebble**

**Bristol Bay**

- On June 30, the public comment period closed. Regulations.gov shows that over 877,000 comments have been received and posted. Overall, the comments are supportive of the Assessment and most oppose the development of Pebble Mine.
- We have received eight out of the twelve peer review follow up reports and expect to have the remaining reports submitted to EPA by Monday August 5th.
- House Energy and Commerce is holding a hearing on the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment at 1pm on August 1. EPA is not expected to attend.
- While they are in DC for the hearing, two representatives from Nunamta Aulukestai have requested to meet with EPA leadership to thank us for the report and to discuss the status and expected future timeline.
- A briefing for Gina McCarthy has been scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- A meeting between R10, OW and Arvin, on July 31 at 11am discussed the briefing for Gina and her potential trip to Alaska.
- The next biweekly senior manager meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**Waters of the US**

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St. Johns/New Madrid Floodway Civil Works Project

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West Davis Highway

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Cruise on the NOAA *Nancy Foster*:

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OCPD

GI Capacity Building for NEPs

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Climate Ready Estuaries Climate Adaptation Planning Workbook Briefing

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